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## **CONSUMERS CAN NOW READILY CHECK PRODUCT SAFETY**

Consumers can now find out more readily about the safety of products before they buy.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gail Gago is encouraging South Australians to visit a new website, packed with information and advice on everything from toys, cosmetics, hardware and health products, through to furniture and vehicles.

“Product Safety Australia is now the primary online source of government information about product safety, assisting both consumers and suppliers to make safe, buy safe, and use safe products,” Ms Gago said.

“Visitors to the site can sign up for automatic email updates, which they can customise according to their own needs or areas of interest.

“This product safety ‘portal’ allows consumers to keep up-to-date with risks associated with unsafe or misused products, how to choose safe products, and current safety issues that regulators are watching.

“The site, [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au), gives consumers ready access to information about mandatory safety standards, product alerts and bans, myths, product safety tips and legal cases related to product safety, and it allows them to lodge complaints on line.

“It also gives manufacturers and suppliers access to information on how to comply with product safety standards and how products are regulated in Australia.

“This is about helping to minimise the risk of injuries, illness and even death, related to unsafe goods.”

The website will play an important role in addressing the Productivity Commission recommendation to streamline the national product safety system.

The SA Office for Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) has been working with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and regulators around the country on the development of the website.

“There will be links to South Australian bans and standards on the site and we’ll also continue to maintain and update our OCBA website with local product safety information, ensuring continued protection for South Australian consumers,” Ms Gago said.